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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ANGOLA: PORTUGUESE MPLA BACKERS KEEP BEATING DRUMS

AS INTERNAL PRESSURES FOR RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA MOUNT IN DIRECT REACTION TO FNLA/UNITA REVERSES ON THE BATTLEFIELD, FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES HAS BEEN MAKING HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. ANTUNES REPORTEDLY TOLD THE CZECHS:

--HE FAVORS RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA.

--IT IS IMPORTANT ANGOLA NOT BECOME ANOTHER VIETNAM OR KOREA.

--SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION WAS "NATURAL" IN THAT IT  
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FILLED A VACUUM CREATED BY PORTUGAL'S DEPARTURE.

IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTER  
GENSCHER, ANTUNES' ANGOLA COMMENTARY WAS MORE MEASURED,  
CALLING FOR:

--COORDINATION OF VIEWS WITH PORTUGAL'S ALLIES BEFORE  
THE GOP TOOK ANY NEW POSITION ON MPLA RECOGNITION;  
--A POLITICAL SOLUTION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 822; PRAGUE 306; BONN 2098, 2/6  
(LIMDIS)

## 2. PORTUGAL

### A. SOARES' PERSPECTIVES

SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES CALLED ON AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI  
FEBRUARY 5 TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE TO THE SECRETARY FOR  
HIS US VISIT. CONCERNING THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SCENE  
HE OBSERVED:

--THE AFM-PARTIES PACT WILL SHORTLY BE CONCLUDED.

--ELECTIONS DEFINITELY WILL BE HELD, AND THE SOCIAL-  
ISTS PROBABLY WILL WIN.

--HE IS PLEASED BY THE PROGRESS HIS PARTY HAS MADE IN  
COMMUNIST LABOR STRONGHOLDS AND BELIEVES THE PS MAY  
SOON BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER INTERSINDICAL FROM WITHIN.

SOARES NOTED THAT HE CANNOT MAKE ANY KIND OF FORMAL DEAL  
WITH THE PPD, AS THAT WOULD DRIVE THE SOCIALIST LEFT WING  
TOWARD THE COMMUNISTS, BUT SAID THAT THE PPD'S ATTACKS ON  
THE PS NO LONGER GREATLY TROUBLE HIM. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
LISBON 837, 1/6 (EXDIS)

### 3. B. STRAINS IN THE SOCIALIST RANKS

THE CHIEF OF THE PS INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT TOLD EMBASSY  
LISBON FEBRUARY 2 THAT CONTENTION OVER AGRARIAN REFORM HAS  
PLACED NEW STRAINS ON PARTY UNITY.

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--AGRICULTURE MINISTER LOPES CARDOSO, LEADER OF THE  
SOCIALIST LEFT WING, HAS TAKEN AN UNCOMPROMISING,  
IDEOLOGICAL STANCE, DESPITE MOUNTING CRITICISM FROM  
FARMERS.

--THOUGH PARTY LEADERS FEAR LOPEZ CARDOSO WILL COST  
THEM VOTES, THEY PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON UNITY

AND WILL NOT RISK CONFRONTATION WITH HIM.

THE EMBASSY SURMISES THAT THE PCP'S EFFORTS TO WOO THE PS LEFT INTO SOME FORM OF ELECTION ALLIANCE MAY BE AN ADDED INCENTIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF UNITY. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
LISBON 779, 2/5

3. FRG: A BLOW TO THE COALITION

EMBASSY BONN BELIEVES THE FEBRUARY 6 ELECTION OF CDU CANDIDATE ALBRECHT AS MINISTER PRESIDENT OF LOWER SAXONY HAS CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. FOR THE COALITION IN BONN HIS VICTORY THREATENS:

--COMPLICATION OF SPD-FDP RELATIONS, WITH GENSCHER UNDER PRESSURE NOT TO ANNOUNCE HIS PARTY'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THE ALLIANCE UNTIL AFTER THE OCTOBER 3 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS;

--STRENGTHENING OF THE FORCES WITHIN THE FDP WHO PREFER A COALITION WITH THE CDU, AND A WEAKENED POSITION IN THE BUNDESRAT. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 2100,  
2/6

4. ALBANIA GIRDING UP FOR TITO'S DEMISE?

EMBASSY ROME HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO TIRANA THAT ALBANIA "HAS THE SEMBLANCE OF A CONCENTRATION CAMP." ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS ARE DETERIORATING, AND:

THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN SO POISONED BY THE "CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BUREAUCRATS" THAT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR AN  
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ALBANIAN EVEN TO GREET A FOREIGNER.

--THE RULING ELITE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN NUMBER AND IS OBLIGED TO RESORT TO FEAR TACTICS TO PRESERVE ITS POSITION.

--A STATE OF PARANOIA EXISTS, WITH BOMB SHELTERS BEING BUILT ALONG THE YUGOSLAV AND ADRIATIC BORDERS AND IN CITIES.

--ALBANIA'S INCREASING ISOLATIONISM IS DEMONSTRATED BY HER REFUSAL TO RENEW THE FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH POLAND, CZECHOSLAVAKIA, EAST GERMANY AND BULGARIA. (SECRET) ROME 1924, 2/6  
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